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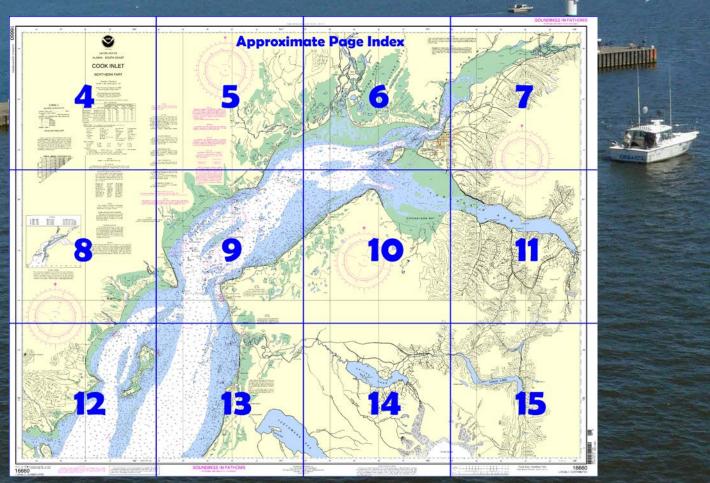
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Cook Inlet – Northern Part NOAA Chart 16660

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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

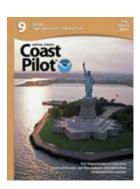
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Cook Inlet, on the W side of Kenai
Peninsula, merges with Shelikof Strait
through a wide unobstructed passage W of
the Barren Islands. Leading from the Gulf of
Alaska to Cook Inlet are Kennedy Entrance
and Stevenson Entrance, N and S
respectively of the Barren Islands, and
Chugach Passage, inside the Chugach
Islands. The distance is 1,254 miles from
Seattle to the entrance to Cook Inlet at a
point 3 miles S of East Chugach Light, via

the outside route by way of Strait of Juan de Fuca. From the entrance it is 48 miles to Seldovia, 59 miles to Homer, 110 miles to Kenai and Nikiski, and 175 miles to Anchorage.

Prominent features.—The shore on both sides of the inlet can be seen in clear weather. Conspicuous landmarks in the lower inlet are Augustine, Iliamna, and Redoubt Volcanoes. Prominent in their respective localities are four parabolic antennas, lighted atop, along the E shore from Cape Starichkof to Kenai, the bluff between Bluff and Anchor Points; Cape Ninilchik; Chisik Island; Kalgin Island, East, West, and North Forelands; numerous charted oil well platforms in the upper inlet; Point Possession, Fire Island, and Point Woronzof.

Anchorages.—Port Chatham, Port Graham, Seldovia Bay, NE of Homer Spit in Kachemak Bay, Iniskin Bay, and Tuxedni Channel are the secure harbors in the inlet. Temporary anchorage can be selected in 10 fathoms or more at most places in the inlet with the aid of the chart. The great range of the tides must always be kept in mind when anchoring. **Dangers.**—The shoals in Cook Inlet are generally strewn with boulders that are not marked by kelp. These boulders, on the otherwise flat bottom, are not normally found by echo sounder or lead lines unless directly over them. Most of those located by the survey were found by sighting them at low water. It was noted in places that the boulders rise as much as 30 feet above the general level of the bottom. The boulders may be moved during the ice breakup in spring and by the action of strong currents. As a measure of safety, it is considered advisable for vessels to avoid areas having depths no more than 30 feet greater than the draft. At low water, deep-draft vessels should avoid areas with charted depths of less than 10 fathoms, except for the channel approaches to the ports of Anchorage and Nikiski. In general, the shoal banks fronting the marshy parts of the shores in the upper inlet are free from boulders but there are indications that boulders do exist in the deeper water outside these banks. The shoal which extends 16 miles S from Kalgin Island (South Kalgin Bar) is marked at its S end by a lighted buoy. Care should be taken for the

With an average tidal current there are swirls throughout the inlet, but they do not necessarily indicate dangers as they show in depths of 15 fathoms if the bottom is uneven. Heavy swirls with slight overfalls should be avoided, and any disturbance which has a recognizable wake in the water should be considered as indicating a dangerous rock or shoal. A dangerous wave condition exists over the shoals in Cook Inlet when the current opposes winds over 12 knots. Significant ground swells are experienced in the Kenai River approach and at the Nikiski docks when a SW wind accompanies a flood current. Vessels N and S bound past Turnagain Arm should be alert to the potential for heavy sets from a combination of winds and currents emanating from Turnagain Arm. The waters of the inlet are much discolored by glacial silt. At the end of the ebb current the discoloration may extend to Anchor Point, and at the end of a spring flood current it may be comparatively clear to East and West Forelands. Frequently with either a flood or ebb current the water above Ninilchik appears as liquid mud. The silty water is very damaging to the seals of salt water pumps and shaft bearings. Ship's evaporators should be secured and vessels avoid taking on any more ballast water than absolutely necessary.

entire distance to avoid drifting into shoal waters.

The Cook Inlet area is affected by land uplift due to forces such as postseismic crustal rebound. As a result, the tidal datums including mean lower low water, the plane of reference used for depth soundings, have changed throughout the region.

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RCC Juneau Commander

17th CG District (907) 463-2000

Juneau, Alaska

TUXEDNI BAY The shifting of rocks and the possibility of uncharted rocks may exist in Tuxedni Bay west of longitude 152°40'W. The mariner should use caution when nav gating in this area.

NOTE D CAUTION

Entry into the Kenai River should only be attempted with local knowledge due to shifting sand bars. In addition, there are numerous uncharted seasonal mooring buoys located in the Kenai River.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water

Mercator Projection Scale 1:194,154 at Lat 61° 00'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS (FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS) AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NOTE C

Fire Island Shoal is shifting in a southeasterly direction. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution when navigating in this area.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURES

Obstruction lights and sound (fog) signals are required for fixed mineral development structures shown on this chart, subject to approval by the District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (33 CFR 67).

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

Area is subject to drastic and continuing change. Caution should be exercised when navigating in this area.

NOTE E

Kasilof River Channel Light and nine red or green buoys mark the entrance channel into Kasilof River and are maintained from May 1 to

Kasilof Hiver and are maintained from May 1 to November 1 each year. These buoys are moved each year as channel conditions dictate. Caution: The Kasilof River entrance channel should be only used with local knowledge. Dangerous rocks are reported to exist in or near the channel.

CAUTION

Cook Inlet, Eastern Portion

Numerous uncharted and dangerous sub-merged boulders exist in the eastern portion of Cook Inlet. Mariners should use extreme caution in this area.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed The NOAA Weather Hadio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Bede Mt, AK	WNG-528	162.450 MHz
Ninilchik, AK	KZZ-97	162.550 MHz
Wasilla, AK	KZZ-98	162.400 MHz
Rugged I, AK	WNG-526	162.425 MHz
Potato Point, AK	WNG-527	162.425 MHz
Naked I, AK	WNG-530	162.500 MHz
Point Pigot, AK	KZZ-93	162.450 MHz
Anchorage, AK	KEC-43	162.550 MHz
Soldotna, AK	WWG-39	162.475 MHz
Whittier, AK	KXI-29	162.400 MHz

CAUTION

Oil exploration and production operations are being conducted in the water of Cook Inlet. Drilling vessels and movable and permanent platforms are being used. Only permanent

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

NOTE A
Navigation regulations are published in
Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 9. Additions or
revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the
Notice to Mariners. Information concerning
the regulations may be obtained at the Office
of the Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
in Juneau, Alaska, or at the Office of the District
Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Anchorage,
Alaska

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal Dations
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for chartling purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1987 must be corrected an average of 2.021 southward and 7.899" westward to agree with this chart.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.
The buoys in Cook Inlet are seasonally maintained from May 1 to Nov. 1. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as

Limitations on the use of radio signals as adds to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

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Additional uncharted submanine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-marine cables are required to be burled, and those that were originally burled may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Piot.</u>

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

CAUTION

The Cook Inlet area is affected by land uplift due to forces such as post-seismic crustal rebound. As a resulf, the tidal datums including mean lower low water, the plane of reference used for depth soundings, have changed throughout this region. Tidal datums were updated in 1999 and depths of 11½ fathoms or less on this chart were adjusted accordingly to account for this uplift. As the uplift rates can only be estimated and areas continue to rise, depths may be shoaler than charted. Mariners are urged to exercise caution.

NOTE S
Regulations for Ocean Dumping Siles are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229
Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

Hydrography in Turnagain Arm indicated within the dashed outline originates from surveys dated 1910 and 1912. Because of the highly changeable nature of the bottom. Mariners should use extreme caution when navigating in this area.

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary of the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Ricc, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamatical mile Exclusive Loconomic Lines fixed by Liss Surgene Court. these martitinal finite are subject. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification

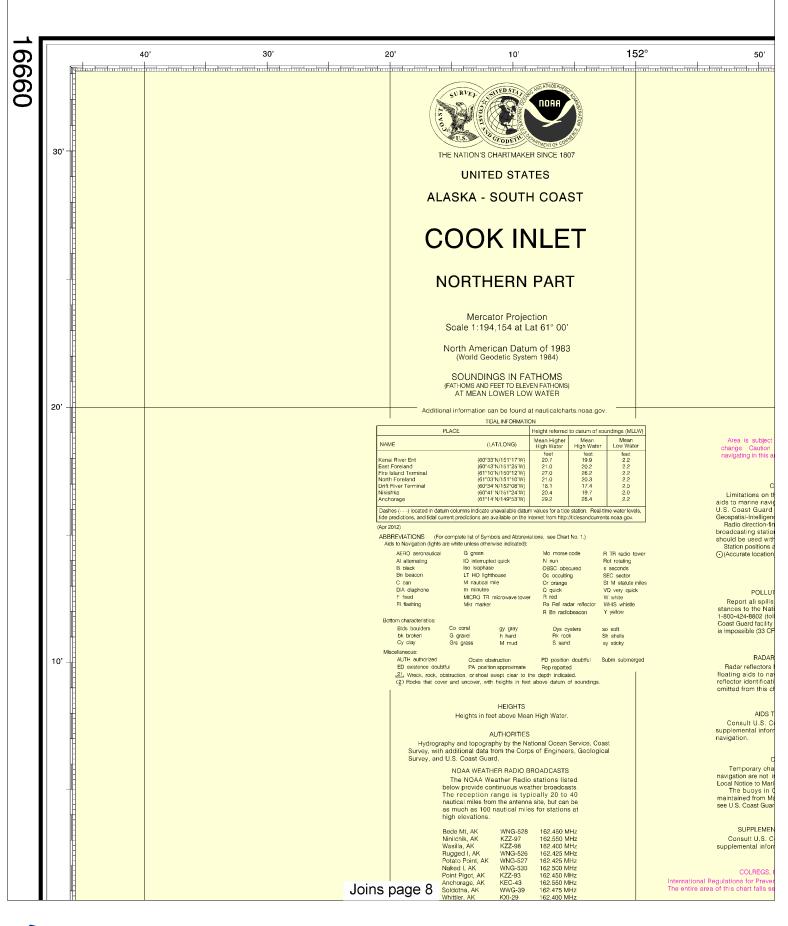
International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

Mariners should be aware of a tidal bore beginning in the vicinity of Goose Bay that heads northward up Knik Arm at a velocity of 2-3 knots and an average height of 18 inches. In addition, it is noted that this area is highly susceptible to shifting mud flats and continual change.

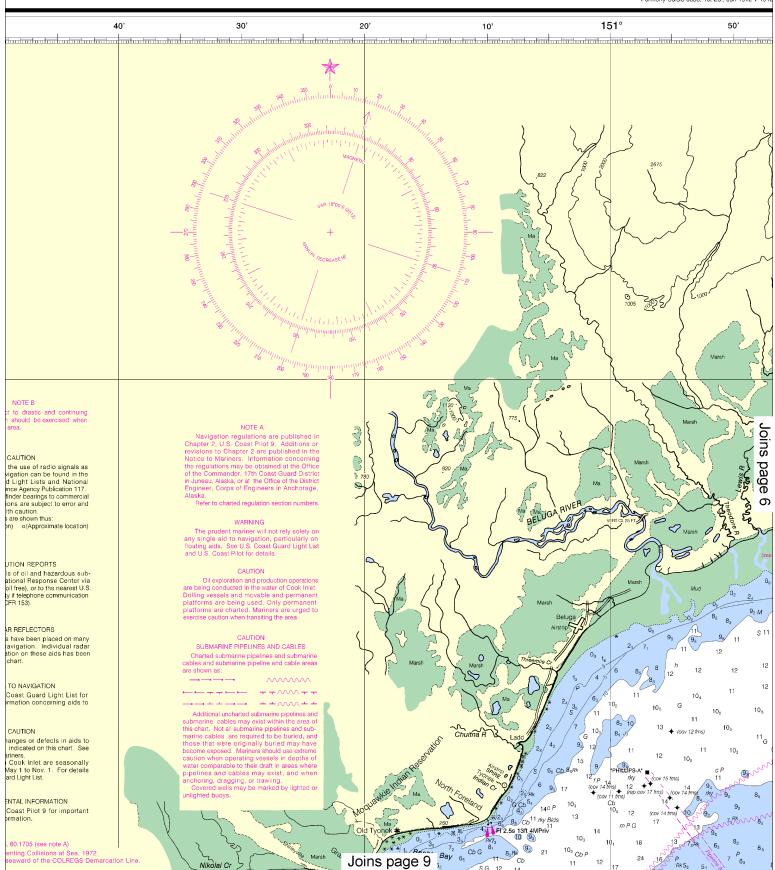
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East Foreland	(60°43'N/151°25'W)	21.0	20.2	2.2
Fire Island Terminal	(61°10'N/150°12'W)	27.0	26.2	2.2
North Foreland	(61°03'N/151°10'W)	21.0	20.3	2.2
Drift River Terminal	(60°34'N/152°08'W)	18.1	17.4	2.0
Nikishka	(60°41'N/151°24'W)	20.4	19.7	2.0
Anchorage	(61°14'N/149°53'W)	29.2	28.4	2.2

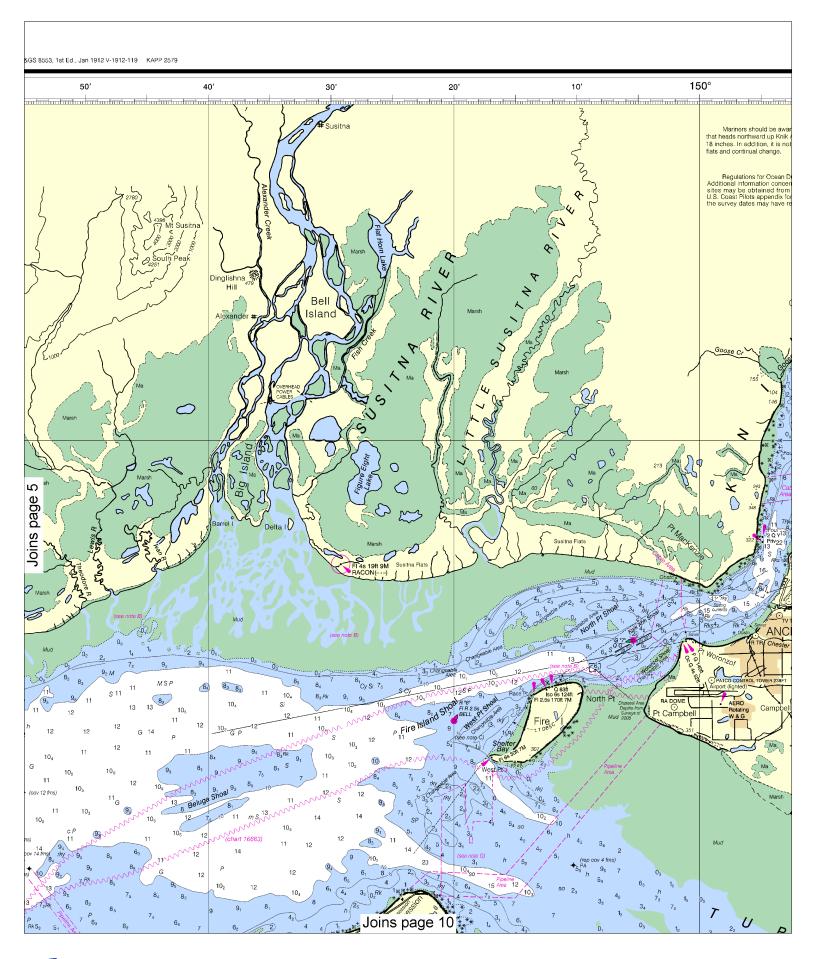
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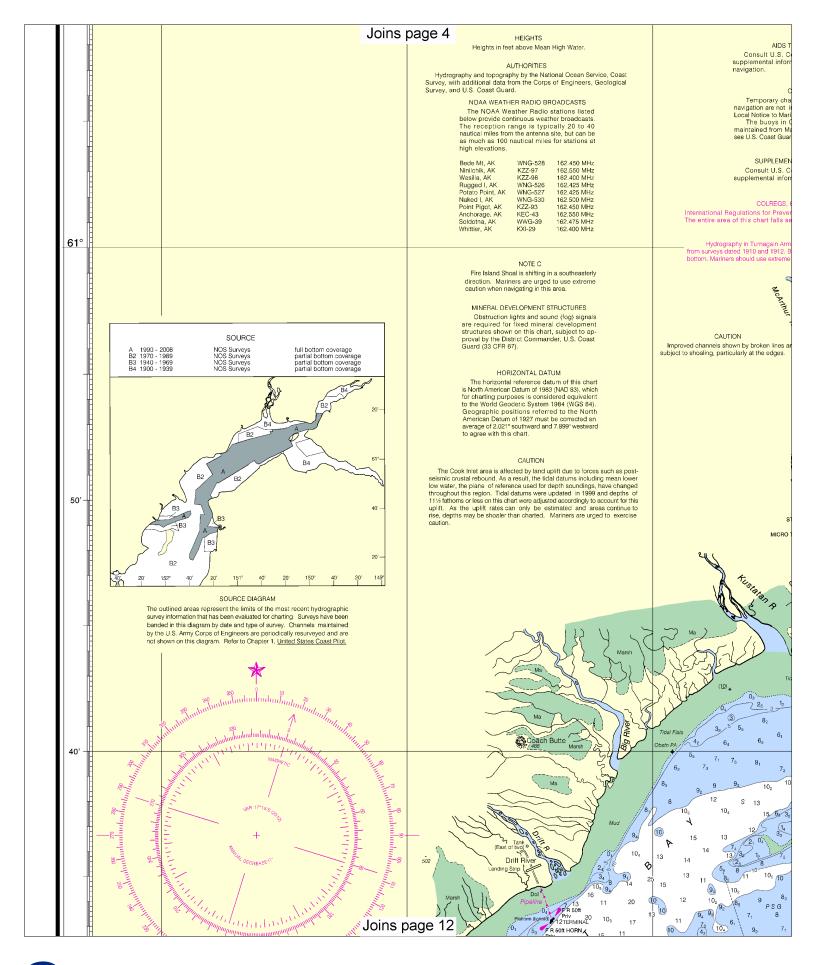




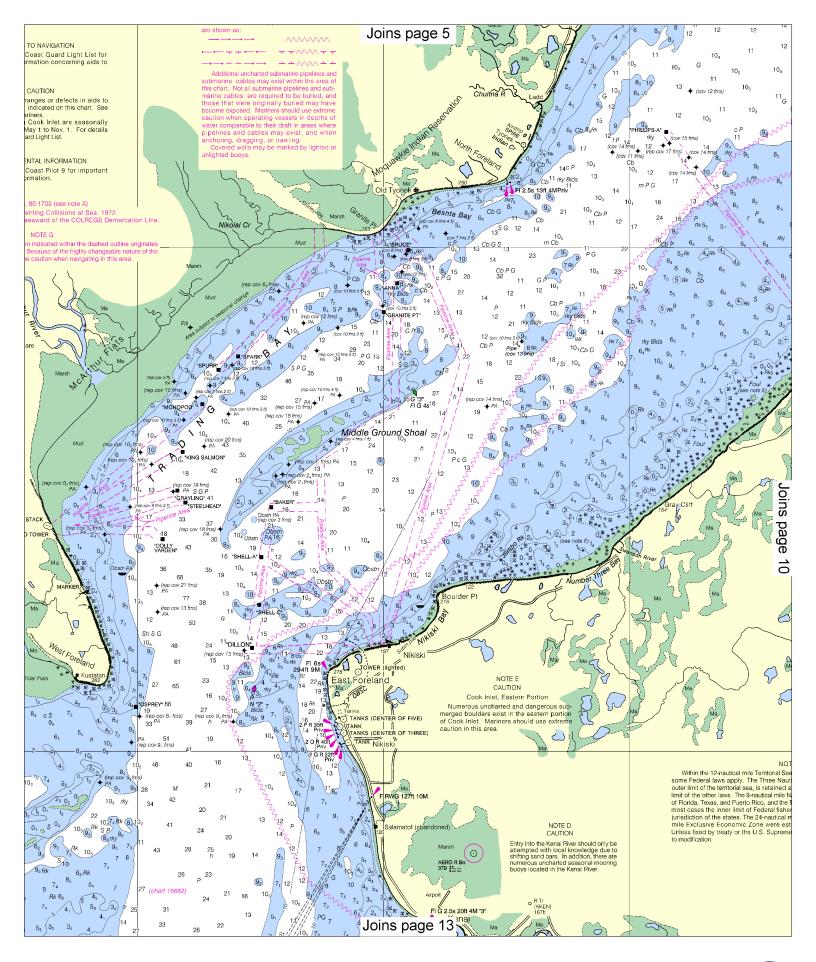


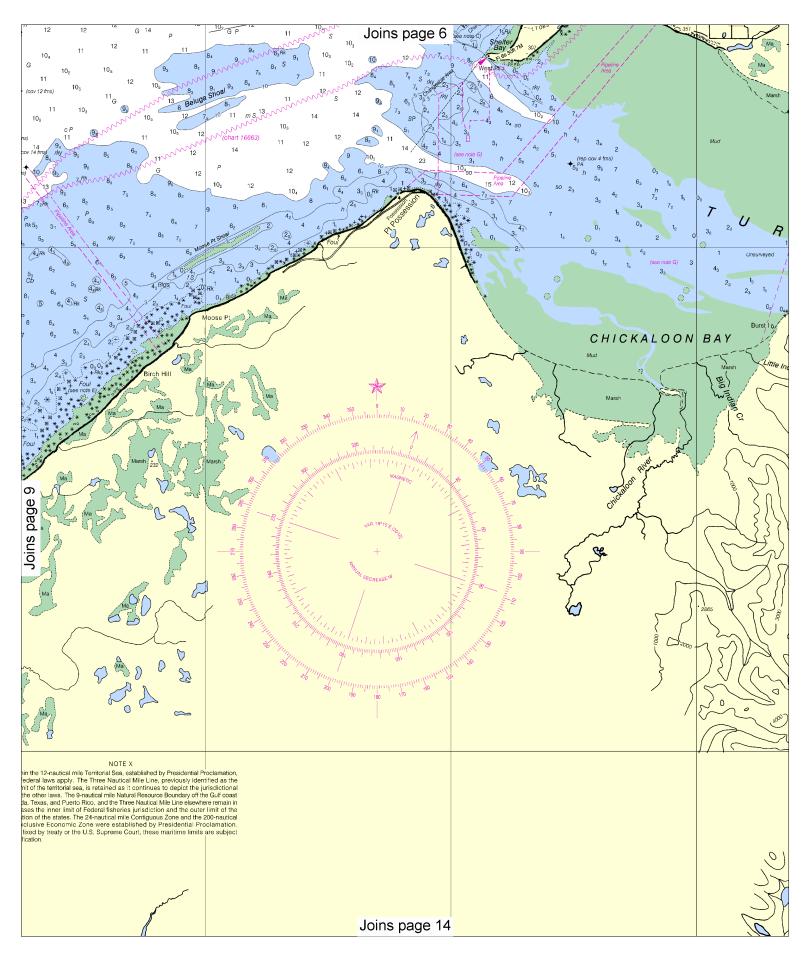


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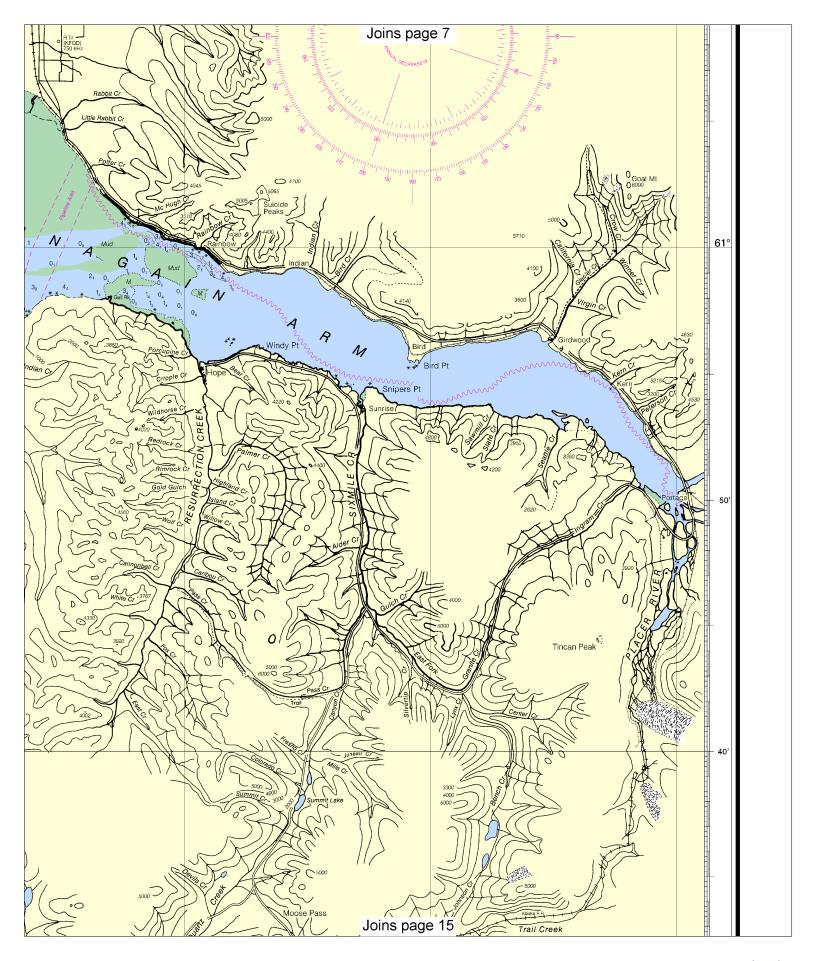


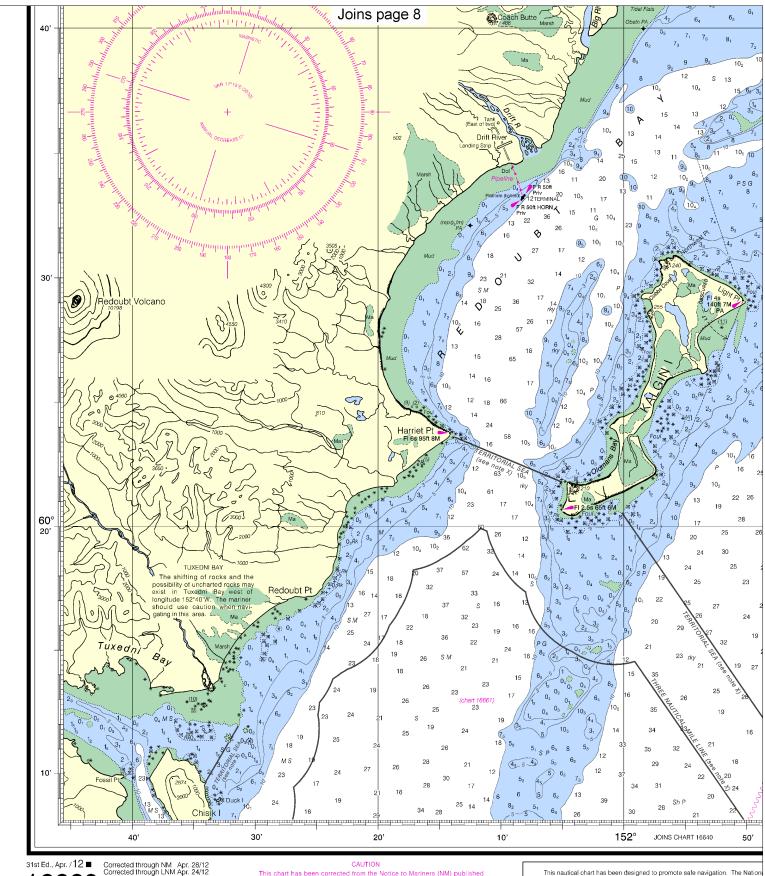






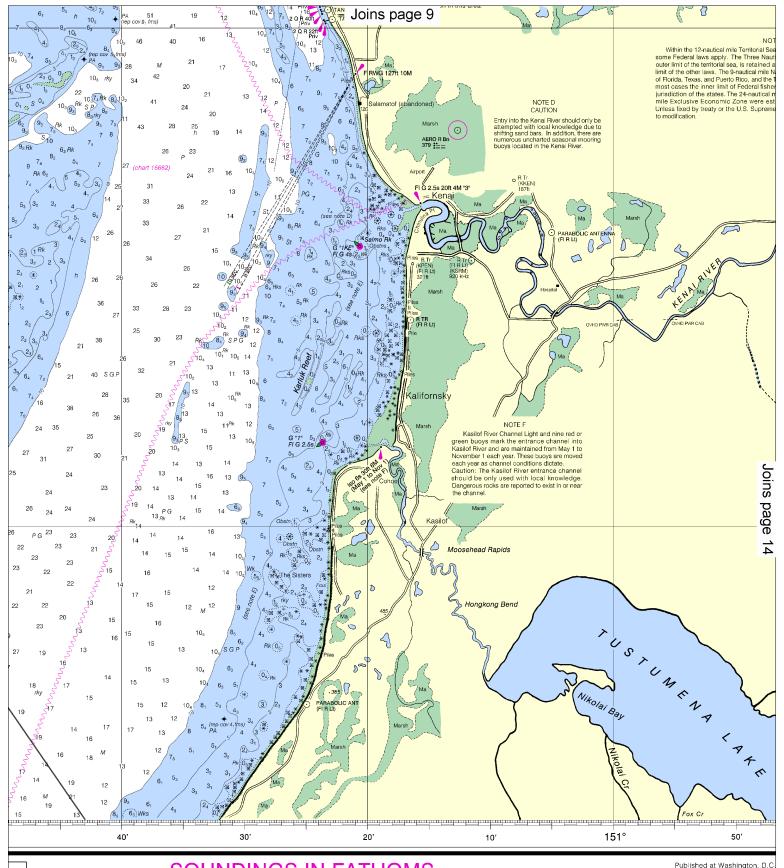
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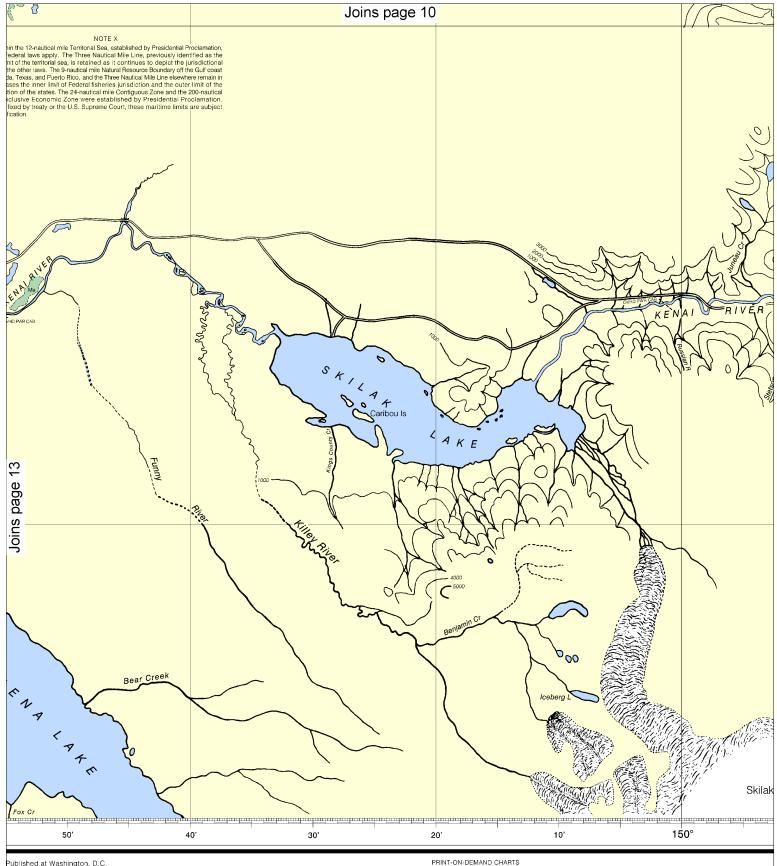
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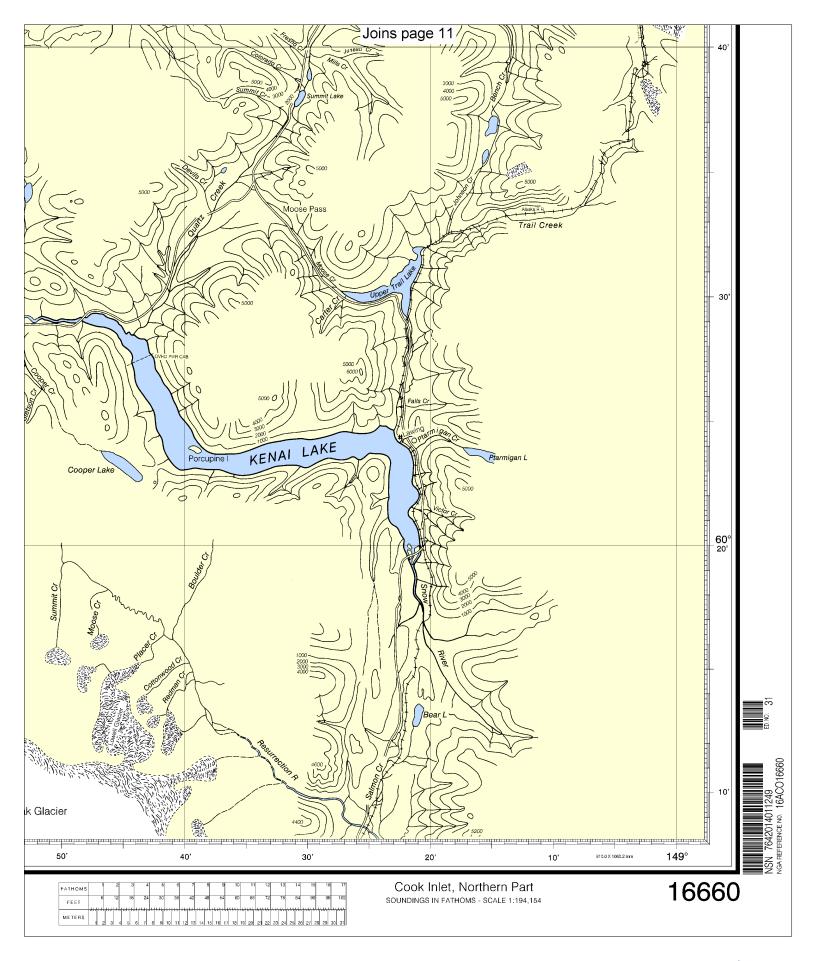
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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